

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the present application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 are presently active in this application. Claims 3 and 20 are amended herein to clarify the invention and these changes do not relate to patentability.

Claims 1-31 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-17, 19-22, 24-31, 33, 48 and 52 of at least U.S. Pat. No. 6,484,080 (Breed).

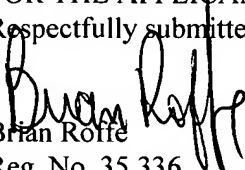
Without addressing the validity of this rejection and reserving the right to do so, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the term of U.S. Pat. No. 6,484,080. As noted in the Terminal Disclaimer, the appropriate fee for submission of a Terminal Disclaimer is to be charged to a Deposit Account.

In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been overcome and should be removed and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner should determine that minor changes to the claims to obviate informalities are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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